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Title: Need to set up a Training-cum-Production Centres for Artisans in Arambagh parliamentary constituency in West Bengal.

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR (ARAMBAG): Handicrafts are the tradition of West Bengal. In addition to garment materials, Bamboo crafts, jute crafts, brass wares etc. are very famous. Bengal crafts are well known and have important role in the Handicraft market of India. Each and every District in West Bengal practices various handicraft activities and attracts investors. In the same way Bamboo Handicraft has a major place. Bamboo matting is very much preferred by modern people for decorating their houses. Brass & Metal craft like many types of cooking utensils are also an old handicraft product of Bengal. 'Jute' the golden fibre, has traditionally been woven in Bengal.

Today Bengal is not only a major product of Jute products, but produces jute blended carpets, to decorative hand bags, bed spreads etc. All these products are exhibited all over Bengal by 'Biswa Bangla' said to be the heartbeat of art, craft & culture as it develops handicraft products benefitting the craftsmen and weavers.

My Parliamentary Constituency Arambagh consists of Brass & Metal Crafts men, Gold Smith, Weavers who belong to economically backward class.

To safeguard this Industry and benefit the livelihood of the people involved in it, I request the Union Govt. to direct the Culture Ministry, Textile Ministry, Skill Development Ministry to set up new Training & Production Centres for Handicrafts (Artisans) to safeguard this Industry in my Parliamentary Constituency Arambagh.